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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 401,800 IN NOVEMBER

Seasonal hiring in Wholesale and Retail Trade, and continued gains in Services and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing increased overall Rhode Island employment for the fourth consecutive month,reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 401,800 in November. This represents a gain of 7,600 jobs over the year ago level of 394,200 and is 3,000 jobs greater than the October total of 398,800.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island gained 900 jobs in November, rising to 121,600, its highest level since December 1981, and is 3,400 greater than the total of 118,200 reported a year ago this month. Employment in the Durable Goods sector remained unchanged from the October level of 53,800. This figure, however, was 2,200 above last November's total of 51,600. The Nondurable Goods manufacturing estimate of 67,800 was up 900 over October, and was 1,200 greater than the year ago figure of 66,600.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly employment gains of 100 each in Nonelectrical Machinery and Electrical Machinery were offset by losses of 100 each in Stone-Clay-Glass and Primary Metals. The remaining industries were unchanged during the October-November period. On an annual basis, the largest increase was posted in Electrical Machinery (+1,000), followed by Transportation Equipment (+800), In-

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$75 million has been appropriated by Congress to implement Emergency Veterans' Job Training Act of 1983 (P.L. 98-77). The statute allows employers to be reimbursed 50% of the starting wages paid to eligible veterans for up to 15 months to a maximum of $10,000 per veteran. Employer-designed training programs should be at least 6 months long and approved by the VA. Honorably discharged veterans of the Korean Conflict or Vietnam who have been unemployed for 15 of the 20 weeks prior to submitting an application are eligible. Veterans who are 30% disabled may participate for up to 15 months; all others for nine months. Interested employers may request an application from any office of the R.I. Job Service or the VA Regional Office – 273-4910 or toll-free 1-800-322-0230.

SEASONS GREETINGS AND A WORD OF THANKS TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

Mary C. Hackett, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security extend holiday greetings to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is expressed to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month.

TO ALL, A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
Total Placements	1,764-P	1,690-P	1,213
New Applications	4,227-P	4,046-P	3,625
New Openings Rec'd.	2,059-P	2,534-P	1,489

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	% Change Oct.1983
Initial Claims	8,238	7,019	+ 17.4
No. of Payments	44,005	41,276	+ 6.6
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,787,600	$ 4,483,358	+ 6.8
Exhaustions	1,132	1,068	+ 6.0

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983
Initial Claims	1,831	1,012
No. of Payments	17,803	10,348
Amount of Payments	$ 1,911,872	$ 1,018,761

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	490.2	484.7	481.0
Unemployment	30.4	31.6	44.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.2	6.5	9.2
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.4	7.6	10.7

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	475.8	472.0	478.3
Unemployment	32.0	33.4	45.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.7	7.1	9.6

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	37,220	37,385	34,285
Unemployment	1,790	1,570	1,840
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	4.2	5.4

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	15,315	16,005	14,700
Unemployment	965	910	1,115
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.3	5.7	7.6

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND

November 14-18, 1983

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
Total	11,534	100.0
Men	6,333	54.9
Under 45	4,341	68.5
45 and Over	1,992	31.5
Women	5,201	45.1
Under 45	3,123	60.0
45 and Over	2,078	40.0
INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT		
Construction	820	7.1
Manufacturing	5,399	46.8
Public Utilities	354	3.1
Wholesale and Retail	2,063	17.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	367	3.2
Service	1,527	13.2
All Other	1,004	8.7
OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS		
Prof., Tech. & Managerial	1,880	16.3
Clerical & Sales	2,092	18.1
Service	1,074	9.3
Fishery, Forestry & Rel.Occ.	170	1.5
Processing	594	5.1
Machine Trades	1,456	12.6
Bench Work	1,626	14.1
Structural Work	1,357	11.8
Miscellaneous	834	7.2
INA	451	3.9

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	401.8	398.8	394.2	+3,000	+7,600
MANUFACTURING	121.6	120.7	118.2	+ 900	+3,400
NONMANUFACTURING	280.2	278.1	276.0	+2,100	+4,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.9	13.0	12.4	- 100	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.0	13.2	13.4	- 200	- 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	82.3	81.0	79.6	+1,300	+2,700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.6	21.4	21.3	+ 200	+ 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	93.4	92.6	91.3	+ 800	+2,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.0	56.9	58.0	+ 100	- 1,000

1982 Figures REVISED. 1983 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1982
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.6	120.7	118.2	+ 900	+3400	$280.28	$262.47	39.7	39.0	$7.06	$6.73
DURABLE GOODS	53.8	53.8	51.6	0	+2200	323.99	299.81	40.6	39.5	7.98	7.59
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 100	270.20	247.81	38.6	35.2	7.00	7.04
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.3	2.0	- 100	+ 200	382.93	330.37	42.5	41.4	9.01	7.98
PRIMARY METALS	6.5	6.6	6.7	- 100	- 200	359.42	324.01	43.2	41.7	8.32	7.77
FABRICATED METALS	9.6	9.6	9.6	0	0	247.46	231.56	37.1	35.9	6.67	6.45
NON-ELECTRIC MACH.	7.1*	7.0*	7.2*	+ 100	- 100	360.12	345.45	40.6	39.3	8.87	8.79
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.4	11.3	10.4	+ 100	+1000	262.09	247.27	38.6	39.5	6.79	6.26
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.2	8.4	0	+ 800	412.44	383.14	42.0	41.6	9.82	9.21
INSTRUMENTS	5.2	5.2	4.6	0	+ 600	317.25	295.26	45.0	42.0	7.05	7.03
NONDURABLE GOODS	67.8	66.9	66.6	+ 900	+1200	247.02	237.39	38.9	38.6	6.35	6.15
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.6	3.6	3.4	0	+ 200	216.94	246.94	34.6	37.7	6.27	6.55
TEXTILES	11.1	11.1	10.9	0	+ 200	256.85	229.63	40.9	38.4	6.28	5.98
APPAREL	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 100	0	223.49	196.56	38.8	37.8	5.76	5.20
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0	243.32	246.19	39.5	41.1	6.16	5.99
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.7	5.6	+ 100	+ 200	390.75	350.89	37.9	36.1	10.31	9.72
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 100	359.29	349.82	38.8	38.4	9.26	9.11
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 100	260.63	254.37	37.5	36.6	6.95	6.95
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.8	5.0	- 100	- 300	271.83	267.06	39.0	39.8	6.97	6.71
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.1	3.0	2.8	+ 100	+ 300	212.38	204.67	41.0	44.3	5.18	4.62
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.8	23.1	23.5	+ 700	+ 300	209.60	218.69	38.6	40.2	5.43	5.44
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.7	5.7	5.2	0	+ 500	238.13	178.14	38.1	29.3	6.25	6.08

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struments (+600), and Stone-Clay-Glass (+200). Annual losses occurred in Primary Metals (-200) and in Lumber/Furniture and Nonelectrical Machinery (-100 each). Fabricated Metals employment remained unchanged from last November.

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, Jewelry/Silverware registered the largest monthly gain (+700). Monthly job increases of 100 each occurred in Apparel, Printing-Publishing, and Leather Products. The only monthly employment loss was recorded in Plastics Products (-100). The remaining industries in Nondurable Goods were unchanged from their October employment levels. Compared to the year ago totals, the most sizable increase was reported in Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+500), followed by gains of 300 each in Leather Products and Jewelry/Silverware. Also up on an annual basis were: Food-Beverage, Textiles, and Printing-Publishing (+200 each). Plastics Products declined 300 from its year ago level, and annual losses of 100 each were recorded in Chemical Products and Rubber Products. Apparel and Paper Products employment did not change from their year ago levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing categories increased significantly by 2,100 jobs from October to November, due largely to traditional pre-holiday hiring in Wholesale & Retail Trade and continued growth in Services. The November level of 280,200 represents an increase of 4,200 jobs over last November's total of 276,000.

Wholesale and Retail Trade, at 82,300, recorded the largest monthly gain (+1,300) due to seasonal hiring; current Trade employment was up 2,700 from its year earlier level. Services rose by 800 jobs from October to 93,400, a gain of 2,100 over November 1982. Total Government employment, at 57,000, showed a monthly increase of 100, but was down 1,000 from last year's level, due primarily to retirements in the State Government sector. Although Contract Construction dropped by 100 from October to 12,900, its November level was still 500 higher than a year ago. Transportation and Public Utilities declined 200 monthly and 400 annually, to a total of 13,000. Conversely, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment, at 21,600, was up 200 for the month and 300 on an annual basis.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers increased by 7 cents to $7.06 in November, and were up 33 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.2 of an hour in November to 39.7, which was 0.7 of an hour more than was reported in this month last year. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $280.28 in November. This represents an increase of $4.17 compared to the October level, and is $17.81 greater than the one year ago figure.

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